

National History Day in N.C. 2015 Special Prize Winners and Sponsors

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AWARD

Sponsored by: [SOMERSET PLACE FOUNDATION](#) and [Timothy Hughes](#)

Junior Level—Group Documentary

Caleb Burns, Jordan Bogue, Jared Clark, and Cooper Bodford
Oak Grove Middle School

“Jackie Robinson: Champion for Sports and Equality”

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Senior Level—Individual Website

Joseph Womble

W.G. Enloe High School, Wake County

“Dr. Ralph Bunche: A Life of Foreign and Domestic Sacrifice”

Senior Level—Individual Performance

Cameron Howard

New Hanover High School, New Hanover County

“A Father’s View of NWA”

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY RESEARCH PAPER AWARD

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Junior Level—Research Paper

Hattie Haines

Williston Middle School, New Hanover County

“Althea Gibson: The Whole Story”

AGRICULTURAL/ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY AWARD

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Junior Level – Individual Website

Emmy Belloni

Woodlawn School, Mecklenburg County

“Rachel Carson: Nature's Advocate”

Senior Level – Individual Exhibit

Catherine Bennett

New Hanover County High School, New Hanover County

“George Perkins Marsh: Man and Nature”

AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM AWARD

Sponsored by: [NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION](#)

Junior Level – Individual Performance

Emily Surles

St. Peter’s Catholic School, Pitt County

“The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire”

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Senior Level—Individual Exhibit

Nicole Hernandez

Surry Early College, Surry County

“Viva la Causa”

AUDREY HERD MEMORIAL AWARD

Sponsored by: [FRIENDS OF THE OUTER BANKS HISTORY CENTER](#)

Junior Level – Individual Exhibit

Matthew Blount

St. Peter’s Catholic School, Pitt County

“Theodore Roosevelt: Leadership and Legacy Related to the Panama Canal”

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Senior Level – Group Exhibit

Will Parker, Cole Schumann, and Uli Van Hout

New Hanover High School, New Hanover County

“The Wright Brothers: Leaders in Aviation”

CIVIL WAR HISTORY AWARD

Sponsored by: [SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR](#)

And [FRIENDS OF FORT FISHER](#)

Junior Level – Group Exhibit

Aaliyah McNeill, Crystell Phoenix, and Maya Lucas

Piedmont IB Middle School, Mecklenburg County

“Harriet Beecher Stowe: The Woman Who Wrote the Civil War”

Senior Level – Paper

Rebecca Harris

North Brunswick High School, Brunswick County

*“Words of Silence: Lieutenant General James Longstreet
and the Battle of Gettysburg”*

GREAT DEPRESSION/WORLD WAR II ERA AWARD

Sponsored by: [MR. JOE MOBLEY](#)

Junior Level—Group Documentary

Ava Johnson and Emma Phillips

Williston Middle School, New Hanover County

“Alan Turing and the Bletchley Park Code Breakers”

Senior Level – Group Exhibit

Parker Chatham, Taylor Steele, Jenna Crutchfield, and Eliza Watson

Swain County High School, Swain County

“Benito Mussolini and the Fascist Party”

COLD WAR ERA AWARD

Sponsored by: [MS. MARTHA WALSTON AND MS. EMILY JOHNSON](#)

Junior Level—Group Website

Rudy Barrera and Gabriel Barcenaz

Immaculata Catholic School, Henderson County

“John F. Kennedy and the Space Race”

Senior Level –Individual Exhibit

Dannis Cazarez

Surry Early College, Surry County

“John F. Kennedy: Civil Rights Hero”

INNOVATIONS IN HISTORY AWARD

Sponsored by: [PRACTICORE, INC.](#)

Junior Level – Individual Exhibit

Trinity Swepson

Cape Fear Academy

“Nikola Tesla: The Electrifying Visionary”

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Senior Level – Group Documentary

Justin Mott, James Zhang, Alex Muma, Margie Bruff, and Zohair Zia

W.G. Enloe High School, Wake County

“Carl Sagan: Voice for a Generation”

LOCAL HISTORY AWARD

Sponsored by the [FEDERATION OF N.C. HISTORICAL SOCIETIES](#)

Junior Level – Junior Group Documentary

Phillip Walter, Landon Brown, and Noah Sampson

St. Peter’s Catholic School, Pitt County

*“The Legacy of High Point and
How It Became the Furniture Capital of the World”*

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Senior Level – Group Documentary

Emily Cooke, Kelly Butler, and Rebecca Early

Cape Fear Academy, New Hanover County

“Maya Angelou: Her Life and Legacy”

MEDICAL HISTORY AWARD

Sponsored by: [DR. BRIAN SHORT](#)

Junior Level –Paper

Katherine Craib

Reid Ross Classical School, Cumberland County

“Clarisse Harlowe Barton”

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Senior Level –Individual Website

Serena Chu

South Central High School, Pitt County

“Dr. Annie Lowrie Alexander: The First Female Physician in the South”

MILITARY HISTORY AWARD

Sponsored by: [AMERICAN LEGION, N.C. DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS](#)

Junior Level – Group Exhibit

Varun Srinivasan, Will Golder, and Evan Kirby

Wilmington Academy of Arts and Sciences

“Theodore Roosevelt and His Legacy and Leadership in the Roughriders”

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Senior Level – Group Website

Jeff Roop and Reuben Chemmanam

J.H. Rose High School, Pitt County

*“The Cuban Missile Crisis: A Step Towards Catastrophe,
But a Leap in Anti-Nuclear Legacy”*

NAVAL HISTORY AWARD

Sponsored by: [NATIONAL MARITIME HISTORICAL SOCIETY](#)

1st place, Junior Level – Individual Exhibit

Aylan Meyers

Swain County Middle School, Swain County

“Henry VIII: A Legacy Blighted”

2nd place, Junior Level—Individual Exhibit

Matthew Blount

St. Peter’s Catholic School, Pitt County

“Theodore Roosevelt: Leadership and Legacy Related to the Panama Canal”

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1st place, Senior Level – Group Documentary

Jordan Spargur, Tyler Phinizy, Spencer Freeman

South Central High School, Pitt County

“Midgett”

2nd place, Senior Level—Individual Performance

Mead Krowka

Henderson County High School, Henderson County

“By Endurance We Conquer: The Leadership and Legacy of Sir Ernest Shackleton”

NON-AMERICAN HISTORY AWARD

Sponsored by: [JO ANN WILLIFORD](#)

Junior Level – Individual Performance

Noelle de Vente

St. Peter's Catholic School, Pitt County

"Leadership and Legacies: Shinichi Suzuki"

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Senior Level – Group Performance

James Dillon, Hannah Grady, Ethan Byrd, and Samantha Grady

Classical Scholars, Henderson County

*"Hard Times: How the Work of Charles Dickens
Created a Legacy of Literacy and Social Reform"*

H. G. JONES PRIZE FOR NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY

Sponsored by: [NORTH CAROLINIANA SOCIETY, INC.](#)

Junior Level – Group Exhibit

Dustin Kirby and Steven Futrell

Central Middle School, Gates County

"Jim 'Catfish' Hunter"

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Senior Level – Individual Performance

Courtney Staton

South Central High School, Pitt County

*"Leading by Example: How Terry Sanford Changed the Course of African-American
Poverty in North Carolina"*

OUTSTANDING EXHIBIT AWARD

Sponsored by: [NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF HISTORY](#)

Junior Level – Individual Exhibit

Jessee Steele

Swain County Middle School, Swain County

"Mao Zedong: A Visionary Leader"

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Senior Level – Individual Exhibit

Grace Clements
Providence Day School, Mecklenburg County
"A Troubling Legacy: The IRA as a Leadership Model for the PLO"

OUTSTANDING USE OF PRIMARY SOURCES AWARD

Sponsored by: [FRIENDS OF THE ARCHIVES](#)

Junior Level – Group Performance

Isabel Ward, Aundrea Hutchinson, Grace Welch, Dana Jakubielski, and Ellie Stout
Classical Scholars, Henderson County
*"Nellie Bly: How the Best Reporter in America
Led the Way for Women in Journalism"*

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Senior Level – Group Documentary

Sydney Dye, Caroline Murphy
Chapel Hill High School, Orange County
*"Father of Our National Parks: The Leadership and Legacy of America's
Most Influential Environmentalist"*

REVOLUTIONARY WAR/FOUNDING ERA AWARD

Sponsored by: [NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI](#)

Junior Level – Group Exhibit

Meredith Bullard and Meredith Jackson
Chicod, Pitt County
"Benjamin Franklin: His Writings and Contributions to American Society"

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Senior Level—Paper

Dupree Zumbro
New Hanover High School, New Hanover County
"Thomas Paine"

SOUTHERN HISTORY AWARD

Sponsored by: [HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA](#)

Junior Level –Individual Documentary

Nathaniel Hardy
Gryphon Academy, Avery County

“Cities in Hiding: The World War II Towns of Oak Ridge and Peenemunde”

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Senior Level – Group Exhibit

John Evans and Jack Sandlin

New Hanover County High School, New Hanover County

“The Greensboro 4”

WOMEN’S HISTORY AWARD

Sponsored by: [ALTRUSA](#)

Junior Level – Individual Website

Kayla White

Central Middle School, Gates County

“Elizabeth Cady Stanton: Paving the Way for Women’s Rights”

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Senior Level – Individual Website

MacKenzie Boyles

Surry Early College, Surry County

“Susan B. Anthony: The Woman Who Dared”